

To Chairman Powell ~

You face what may be a crucial decision on June 2, a decision it appears you have already made without regard to the growing swell of public opinion and outcry. I ask you to reconsider your stated intent to change current FCC regulations limiting monopolistic ownership of media.

According to present usage, corporations or individuals may not own unlimited numbers of radio and television stations, newspapers, cable networks, or other centers of communication ~ land line or wireless phones, etc. ~ due to concerns over control and possible 'sanitization' of public news and other information.

Access to public domain of airwaves and other news sources belongs primarily to Congress to legislate and the FCC to regulate, protect and defend in the name of Public Interest and Ownership. Yet it seems that you and the three Republican Commissioners now intend to allow virtually unlimited monopoly of media outlets by Murdoch, Clear Channel, MSNBC, and others.

You bring shame on your family name, on the Federal Communications Commission, on the Republican administration, on the very concept of democracy if you go ahead with your stated intent to ignore Public Rights in favor of media monopoly. The Constitution guarantees the People the right to a free press, access to truth in media and advertising, safety from biased and manipulative reporting of events which affect our daily lives. Do not act to sell our Freedom of Information to power-hungry media moguls, to betray your Trust for a 'mess of pottage'!